

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user prefers to [[will]] receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;~~

~~receiving incoming call data information indicating an incoming [[data]] call directed to one of [[a]] the plurality of devices [[of]] associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a format for the calling device, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types, the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device;~~

~~converting the incoming call data from the data format for the calling device into a data format for the preferred device to generate generating a notification of the incoming call by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data;~~

~~determining whether the incoming data is from the user-specified phone number; and~~

~~transmitting the notification to the preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number, the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of the preferred device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of a device for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user selection of calling parties comprises using a calendar function for specifying date-specific notifications.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving user specifications ~~of a preferred device~~ for receiving notifications by
the preferred device based on at least one of the time of day or calling party.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a wireless phone capable of displaying text messages.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a landline phone.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a desktop or laptop computer.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a handheld device.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a storage device storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a first server function for receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user prefers to [[will]] receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

one or more server functions operable to:

receiving receive incoming call data information indicating an incoming [[data]] call directed to one of [[a]] the plurality of devices [[of]] associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a format

~~for the calling device, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types, the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device,~~

~~convert the incoming call data from the data format for the calling device into a data format for the preferred device to generate a notification generating of the incoming call, and by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data;~~

~~a second server function for transmitting transmit the notification to the preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number, the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data;~~
and

~~a storage device for storing at least the user-specified phone number
a processor for executing the one or more server functions.~~

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, comprising:

a database for storing identifications of calling parties from whom notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the database stores times during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

15-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

means for receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user will receive notifications;

means for receiving incoming call data information indicating an incoming [[data]] call directed to one of [[a]] the plurality of devices [[of]] associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a format for the calling device, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types, the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device;

means for generating converting the incoming call data from the data format for the calling device into a data format for the preferred device to generate a notification of the incoming call by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data; and

means for determining whether the incoming data is from the user-specified phone number;

means for transmitting the notification to the preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number, the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data; and

a storage device for storing at least the user-specified phone number.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, comprising:
means for selecting parties from which notifications are transmitted to the
preferred device.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the means for selecting
indicates times during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising
blocking the notification to the preferred device when the incoming call data is from a
phone number other than one or more phone numbers specified by the user in advance
of receiving the incoming call the user specified phone number.

23. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user's preferred device
is a phone, and the incoming call data is converted into a text message notification of
the incoming call.

24. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user's preferred device
is an instant message client, and the incoming call data is converted into text for an
instant message notification of the incoming call.

25. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the incoming call is
directed to one of the plurality of devices other than the preferred device.

26. (New) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions operable to cause a processor to:

store data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

receive incoming call data indicating an incoming call directed to one of the plurality of devices associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a format for the calling device;

convert the incoming call data from the data format for the calling device into a data format for the preferred device to generate a notification of the incoming call; and transmit the notification to the preferred device.